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Tata Teleservices Ltd	Delhi	606,280
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Gujarat	215,451
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Haryana	164,781
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Himachal Pradesh	17,151
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Karnataka	306,005
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Kerala	127,541
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Kolkata	221,320
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Madhya Pradesh	124,060
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Maharashtra	338,241
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Mumbai	362,203
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Orissa	42,528
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Punjab	192,372
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Rajasthan	171,485
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Tamil Nadu	113,431
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Uttar Pradesh (East)	164,117
Tata Teleservices Ltd	Uttar Pradesh (West)	187,203
Tata Teleservices Ltd	West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar	76,266
	TOTAL:	79,992,419

Note: These figures does not include Wireless in Local Loop (Limited mobility) connections provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited /Mahanagar Telephone Limited

Amendments to Indian Post Office Act

†2145. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring amendment to the Indian Post Office Act to check the increasing competition faced by postal department in view of the expanding network of courier companies; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of small and big courier companies at present which have been given licence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Amendment to the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 is under consideration but that amendment is not aimed at checking the increasing competition faced by Postal Department in view of the expanding network of courier companies.

(b) The amendment to the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 has not been finalized so far, therefore, the details can not be furnished at this stage. The existing legislation does not provide for licensing of courier companies. Hence, no licence has been given to either small or big courier companies.

Legislation and guidelines for phone tapping

2146. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the legislation under which phone-tapping is allowed by Government;

(b) the salient features of the existing provisions;

(c) whether any fresh guidelines have been issued in the matter of phone-tapping;

(d) the sections under which these guidelines have been issued; and

(e) the details of these guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) and (b) As per sub-section 2 of section 5 of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 on the occurrence of any public emergency, or in the interest of the public safety, the Central Government or a State Government or any officer specially authorized in this behalf by the Central Government or a State Government may, if satisfied that is it necessary or expendient so to do in the interests of the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States or public order or for preventing incitement to the commission of an offence, for reasons to be recorded in writing, by order, direct that any message or class of